Docket No. 03500.015739.

Examiner: Lam S. Nguyen

Date: September 25, 2003

Group Art Unit: 2853



In re Application of:

NOBUYUKI MATSUMOTO ET AL.

Application No.: 09/944,137

Filed: September 4, 2001

For: LIQUID DISCHARGE HEAD, LIQUID

DISCHARGE APPARATUS, VALVE PROTECTION METHOD OF THE SAME

LIQUID DISCHARGE HEAD AND

MAINTENANCE SYSTEM

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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X	Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.						
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 25, 2003, please amend the above-referenced application as follows. The claims changes are reflected in the listing beginning at page 2, and the Remarks begin at page 5.

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